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All Parents or Caregivers
Sasebo Teen Center

Dear Parent or Caregiver:

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER AT SASEBO TEEN CENTER

The safety and wellness of children at our Child Development Centers (CDC), Schools and Youth Centers (YC) are my top priority. In my earlier letter announcing our lead in drinking water testing program, I informed you that we are testing all water outlets that could potentially be used for cooking, washing or drinking at our CDCs and YCs.

This week, we received the most recent results of water testing of Sasebo Teen Center drinking water outlets. . Of the seven outlets initially tested, one outlet continues to test higher than 15 Parts Per Billion (ppb) screening level for lead, which is a level designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take action with additional testing and corrective measures. Lead in drinking water may come from the existing plumbing inside buildings including fittings, solder, water coolers or water faucets. Lead is more likely to be found in drinking water when the water has not been run for an extended period of time and has been sitting in the system.

The lead levels were higher than the EPA-recommended screening level at the outdoors hose faucet at the main entrance. After receiving the test results, we immediately took this water source out of service. The drinking fountain at the Teen Center did not exceed the screening level. Details on the corrective actions we will take to reduce the amount of lead in water at this fixture will be discussed in an Overview of Results and Actions to be provided upon completion. Enclosures (1) and (2) are Complete Test Results and a Floor Plan of the Teen Center that indicates the location of the fixture that had lead levels higher than the EPA-recommended screening level.

Exceedances in the lead program are not indicative of a public health issue, but rather the sampling is a proactive measure for early identification of potential lead sources so that corrective action can be taken as necessary.

I know this issue may generate more questions than this letter can answer. As such, I invite you to attend the next Town Hall meeting which will be an opportunity for you to speak with medical and environmental representatives, have your questions answered and voice your concerns.

Testing results are also available on the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Web site at:

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrj/installations/cfa_sasebo/om/public_works/.html

To learn more about lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers and additional water quality resources please visit:

- EPA (lead in drinking water in schools and day care centers):
<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-schools-and-childcare-facilities>
- Drinking Water Taste, Odor, and Color:
<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/secondarystandards.cfm>
- CFAS Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report:
https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrj/installations/cfa_sasebo/om/public_works/.html

If you have any concerns at all, please contact my Environmental Team, Ms. Elizabeth Barris (DSN: 315-252-3369 or e-mail: elizabeth.barris@fe.navy.mil) or Mr. Frederick S. Pianalto (DSN: 315-252-3263 or e-mail: frederick.pianalto@fe.navy.mil).

If you have any health related questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact your health care provide or if you are a TRICARE beneficiary, use the REGION Appointment Center to schedule an appointment with your primary care provider at Commercial: 1-866-645-4584.

Rest assured that my team and I will continue to monitor and test water quality at the Sasebo Teen Center to ensure our drinking water lead levels are lower than the EPA-recommended screening levels. I am committed to the safety and health of all personnel and family members using our facilities and will keep you updated on this issue.

Sincerely,



B. L. STALLINGS
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commander,
Fleet Activities Sasebo

Enclosures: 1. Summary of Results
2. Sasebo Teen Center Floor Plan

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Table 1. Summary of Results

Sasabo Teen Center

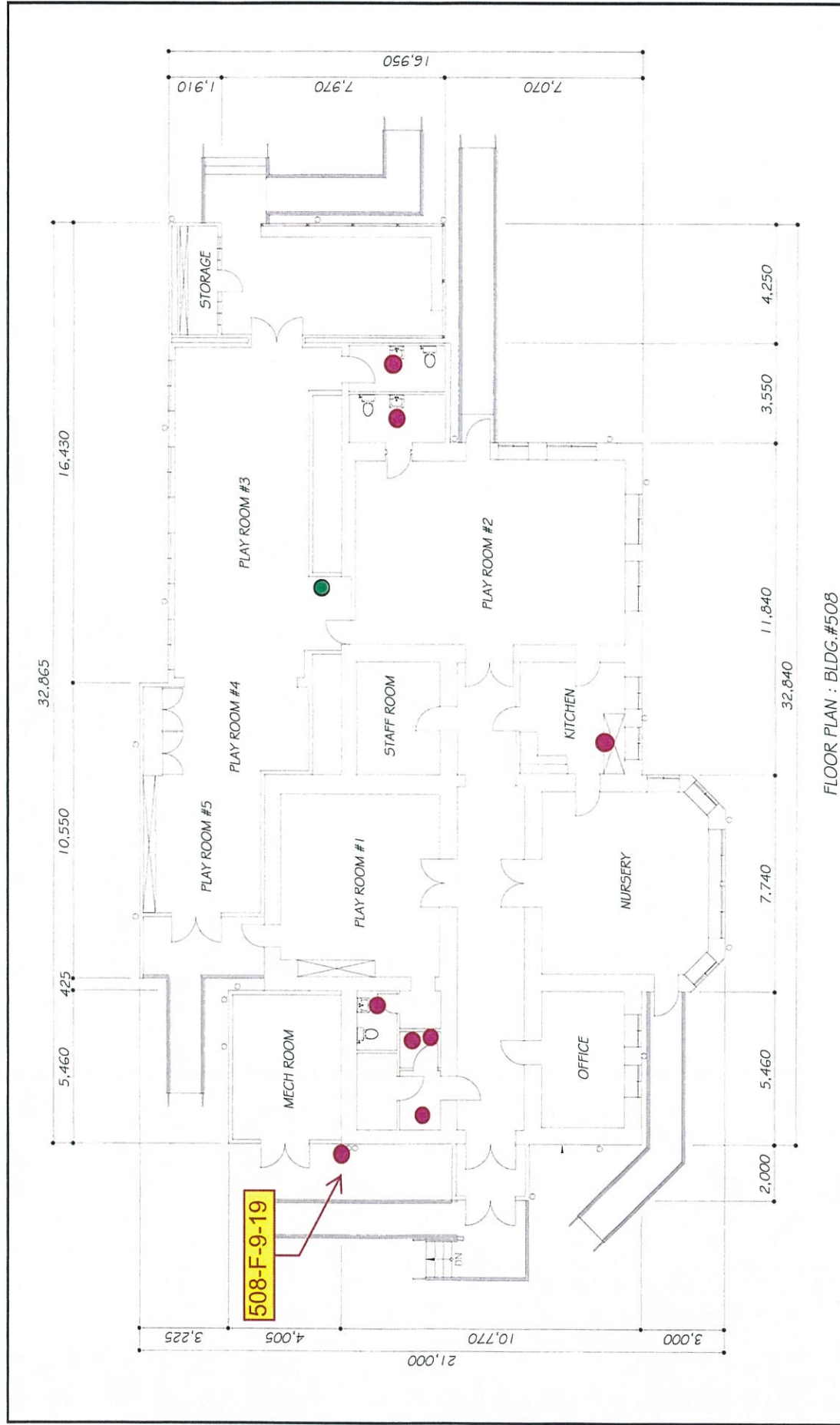
SAMPLING LOCATION DESCRIPTION			INITIAL SAMPLING RESULTS		RE-SAMPLING RESULTS			CORRECTIVE ACTIONS		POST REMEDIATION SAMPLING RESULTS			
CATEGORY	SAMPLE ID	Room Number - Outlet Description	Comments	First Draw (ppb)	Retest required?	Date Fixture Secured? (See Note 1)	Water Fountain Flush Sample - Collected day before First Draw Sampling (ppb)	First Draw (ppb)	Follow up Flush - Collected 30 seconds after First Draw Sampling (ppb)	Combined Costs	Description	First Draw (ppb) (See note 2)	Follow up Flush - Collected 30 seconds after First Draw Sampling (ppb)
Water Intended For:													

Notes:

¹ Affected outlets were immediately secured after receiving verbal communication from the lab on results exceeding the recommended level of 15 ppb.
² Post-remediation sampling was initially conducted on [ENTER DATE]. Additional [CORRECTIVE ACTIONS DESCRIPTION] were implemented and final results below recommended level of 15 ppb for sample collected on [ENTER DATE] are shown on the table.

Table 2. Summary Statistics

CATEGORY	INITIAL SAMPLING RESULTS		RE-SAMPLING RESULTS		POST REMEDIATION RESULTS	
	First Draw (ppb)	Recommended Level = 15 parts per billion (ppb)	First Draw (ppb)	Recommended Level = 15 parts per billion (ppb)	First Draw (ppb)	Recommended Level = 20ppb
Total Drinking	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Drinking > 15 ppb	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cook/Brush	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cook/Brush > 15 ppb	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Washing	5	2	2	2	2	2
Total Washing > 15 ppb	2	1	1	1	0	0
Total Samples	7	2	2	2	2	2
Total Samples > 15 ppb	2	1	1	1	0	0



● Fixtures that cleared

● Yellow Boxes indicate location and ID number of fixtures requiring additional corrective actions

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